

SUMMARY

HA 309

Chrome Valley Mill
1532 E. Jarrettsville Rd.
Jarrettsville, Md. 21084

Built in 1857 by Samuel Wetherill, this 3-story rubblestone grain mill has been converted into a residence, although it still has the Mill wheel, Mill pond and Mill race.

Among the Mill's owners were J. Jenks Kirk, the Baltimore Chrome Mining Co., and in 1919, Samuel Streett, whose flour sacks advertised: "Chrome Valley Mills, Queen of the Pantry Flour, Sharon, Md.," The mill shut down soon after that and stood vacant until 1959.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HA-309

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wetherill's Mill or Kirk's Mill, Stokes Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Chrome Valley Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1532 Jarrettsville Road, nr. Jarrettsville (North side MD Rte. 23, on East branch

CITY, TOWN

of Winters Run, 3 miles East of Jarrettsville)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Farmer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1532 Jarrettsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville, MD

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

21084

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, MD 21014

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

5X 50

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☒ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 3-story rubblestone mill is located on the north side of Jarrettsville Road (Md. Rt. 23), on the east branch of Winters Run, about 3 miles east of Jarrettsville. The ridgeline of the gable-roofed mill is on an east-west axis, and the west end of the structure is banked so there are only 2-stories above grade there. The mill wheel (temporarily disassembled) and trough is on the south side of the building. Various alterations have been made to convert the mill into a residence; most hardware, doors, and woodwork are replaced, although for the most part, the original openings were used. Also, a brick chimney was added in the west end. The roof has a boxed cornice and gables are board and batten.

The sides are arranged as follows: On the east end, the center bay contains a door in each of the three stories, and the gable windows in the north bay, while there is an additional entrance in the ground story south bay, a window above that in the second story.

The north side has a door flanked by windows in the ground story and a window and door in the second story.

The west end has an entrance in the center bay of the ground story, 2 windows in the upper story, and 1 window in the gable.

The west side has a replaced center frame section with modern fenestration and an original window opening in the third story east bay.

Although the interior has been re-modelled drastically, the hewn joists and roof framing have been retained.

East of the house is the original mill pond, while north of the mill is the basin for the mill race runoff and where the chrome ore was washed. The mill race, which approached from the west towards the mill wheel on the south side of the mill, is also still in evidence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to molinographer, John Mc Grain, this mill was built in 1857 by Samuel Wetherill, and indeed there is a plaque in the south wall reading "Wetherill's Mills/1857. Although C. Milton Wright suggests there may have been a mill here earlier, there is no record that there was a mill on the lot consisting of the tracts "Neils Paradise, Gladly Ground", and "Minster", purchased by Wetherill for \$4000 from Edward Holloway and Archer H. Jarrett, trustees. Mc Grain notes that in 1858 advertisement in the Southern Aegis for the deceased Samuel Wetherill's estate lands the presence of "a large new grain mill, 3 pair of burrs, 1 of country stones.....saw mill."

McGrain's report indicates that J. Jenks Kirk bought the mill in 1860 and six years later sold it to the Baltimore Chrome Mining Co. of Maryland. A trustees sale in 1868 advertises "Kirk's or Wetherill's Mill . . . containing about 55 acres of land, partly under cultivation, improved by a 2-story frame dwelling nearly new, frame stable, stone mill well provided with machinery, and a frame building with a large water wheel and 2 batteries of 5 stamps each for chrome ore...."

Samuel Streett purchased the mill in 1869, and after the sheriff seized the mill in 1873, it was conveyed to William N. Hughes and R. Nelson Rampley. According to McGrain, Streett probably operated the mill both before and after acquiring the title: The 1867 Hawes Business Directory listed Streett grist and saw mill at Chrome Hill, while the 1880 State directory listed A. & L. Street and also H. Streett as millers there.

McGrain's report continues that Hughes and Rampley sold to N. Oscar Stokes in 1883, and he in turn sold it in 1919 to Samuel W. Streett. The second Streett's flour sacks advertised Chrome Valley Mills, Queen of the Pantry Flour, Sharon, Md. The steel overshot wheel purchased for a cost of \$1780 in 1922 is said by one newspaper (The Aegis) to have been the largest of its kind in the country at that time.

The mill closed and stood vacant until 1959, when the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Campbell, who restored the upper two stories as a home. The mill was acquired in 1973 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farmer, who are undertaking further improvements and restoration of the mill complex.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, & equity records of Harford Co.
Wright C. Milton, Our Harford Heritage, 1967
Unpublished manuscript by John McGrain, Molinography of Maryland, in Library
of Maryland Historical Society.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

8/80

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, MD 21014

STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE CHAIN OF CHROME VALLEY MILL, Harford County

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BookYearTransaction

562:256

488-217

1959

To James H. and Florine L. Campbell from
Bessie S. Enfield and Ann Elizabeth Streett

GCB 265:421

1941

To Ann Eliz. Streett and S. Katharine Streett
from Bessie B. Streett

JAR 164:402

1919

To Samuel^{W.} Street from N. Oscar Stokes and H.
Elizabeth Stokes

ALJ 49:247

1883

To N. Oscar Stokes from Wm. N. Hughes, E.N.
Rampley, and Francis R. Rampley

ALJ 28:460

1873

To Wm. N. Hughes and R. Nelson Rampley from
Sheriff in writ of *exponi vendictas* against
Edward Scarborough and R. Nelson Rampley

ALJ 23:35

1869

To Samuel Streett from William A. Fisher,
trustee of insolvent Chrome Company

WHD 15:294

1866

To Baltimore Chrome Mining Company of Md. from
J. Jenks Kirk

WG 11:400

1860

To J. Jenks Kirk from Henry W. Archer, trustee
of late Wetherill; "including the sawmill, the
mill dam, head race, tail race, dwelling house."

ALJ 9:113

1857

Apr. 16

To Samuel Wetherill from Edward Holloway &
Archer H. Jarrett, trustees in Ckt. Court of
U.S. in case of Wm. Reed -vs- Rebecca Reed ...
all of Neils Paradise ... glady Ground ... Minster
.... f. 115 shows plat of property; no reference
or illustration of mill shown (These tracts
had been patented by Samuel Reed in 1801,
1812.)

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

HA-309

STATE: HA 468

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Chrome Valley Mill</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>Wetherell's Mill</u>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>North side of Jarrotsville Road about 0.3</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Jarrotsville</u> <u>West of Old Federal Hill Park</u>			
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CODE: <u> </u>	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>	CODE: <u> </u>
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Mill made into house</u>		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: <u>Robert N. Farmer</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Box 687</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Jarrotsville</u>	STATE: <u>MD</u>	CODE: <u> </u>	STATE: <u> </u>
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>BEL AIR</u>	STATE: <u>MARYLAND</u>	CODE: <u> </u>	COUNTY: <u> </u>
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: <u>40 S. MAIN ST.</u>			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u> </u>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <u> </u> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u> </u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u> </u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u> </u>	STATE: <u> </u>	CODE: <u> </u>	ENTRY NUMBER: <u> </u>
			DATE: <u> </u>

ACREAGE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<u>Much</u> Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This mill has been made into a house. 3 stories, the ends of stone masonry painted white, the sides filled in with heavy timbers ~~and heavy~~ board and batten siding, the A roof ridge line runs south-north, the south wall having a succession of four doors, one at each floor and one in the attic under a pulley for loading and unloading.

The general appearance has been retained in ~~good~~ ^{simple} taste, the overshot mill wheel propped up again in place, though the feeder trough and chute gate are gone.

Decaying doors and window frames are replaced now with sound simple wood fenestration case mnt windows now placed across the third floor, eight lights ~~make eight~~ in each frame in pairs or sets of three.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☒losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itgion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☒Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A pleasant rustic home replaces
an obsolete use, retaining a
landmark. The site, millpond, ~~are~~ will used.

A datestone on the south wall
states: Wetherill's Mill
1857

(This spelling contradicts that of land records
and tradition, perhaps a stonemason's error.)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lewis, C. Milton Our Maryland Heritage pp 182-3

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	COOE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING		
ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	DATE:	
STREET AND NUMBER: 50 STATE CIRCLE		
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS	STATE: MARYLAND	COOE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

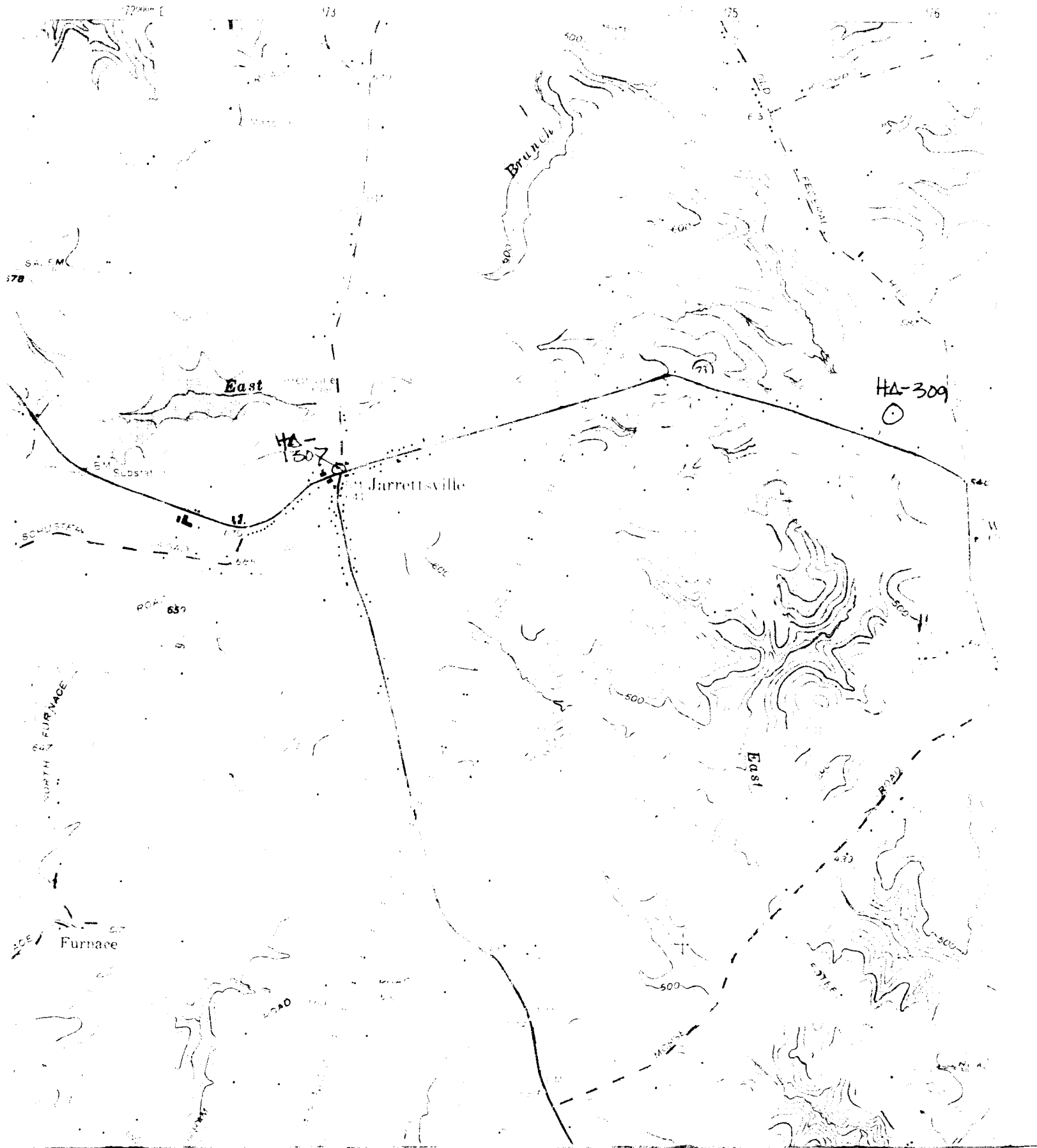
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

JARRETTSVILLE USGS QUADRANGLE MAP





Chrome Valley Mill HA-309
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

N. Shivers
4/80

Southeast



Chrome Valley Mill HA-309
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Northeast